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ON EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION (UNSCEAR)

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1. FINAL MEETING OF SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE FOR
THIS SESSION OF GA DEVOTED TO CONSIDERATION OF THREE
DRAFT RESOLUTIONS RE UNSCEAR (TEXTS TRANSMITTED DEPT.
REFTEL A). ALL THREE WERE ADOPTED.

2. AUSTRALIA SUPPORTED BY NEW ZEALAND AND SEVERAL OTHERS
SPOKE IN FAVOR OF RES CONTAINED DOCUMENT L. 294. SPEAKING
AGAINST DRAFT RES, FRENCH QUOTED AT LENGTH FROM REPORTS
ATTRIBUTED TO SCIENTISTS AND GOVERNMENTS OF AUSTRALIA
AND NEW ZEALAND TO EFFECT THAT FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING
HAD NO APPRECIABLE EFFECT ON RADIATION LEVELS IN THE
PACIFIC. CONTENTION OF FRANCE WAS THAT POSITION OF
SPONSORS OF L 294 NOT SUPPORTED BY SCIENTIFIC FACTS.
AUSTRALIA SAID THAT PURPOSE OF RES. L. 294 WAS AN
EXPRESSION OF CONCERN BY UN REGARDING CONTINUATION
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OF NUCLEAR TESTS. GHANA SPOKE IN FAVOR OF L. 294 LINK-

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ING SUPPORT FOR THE DRAFT RES TO A DECLARATION OF
THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS AND ADDING THAT
EVEN AN ABSTENTION IN VOTE ON THIS RES WOULD BE CON-
TRARY TO NON-ALIGNED POSITION.

3. FRANCE INTRODUCED A REVISION OF ITS DRAFT RES CON-
TAINED DOCUMENT L. 295. REVISION ACTUALLY A COMPLETE
REWRITE, REDUCING TEXT OF DRAFT RES TO DOING NO MORE
THAN NOTING UNSCEAR REPORT AND COMMENDING THE COMMITTEE
FOR ITS WORK.

4. PERU INTRODUCED AN ORAL AMENDMENT TO OP PARA ONE OF
ITS DRAFT RES CONTAINED DOCUMENT L. 296. NEW PARA ONE
READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE DECIDED TO INCREASE THE MEMBER-
SHIP OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON THE EFFECTS OF ATOMIC
RADIATION UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 20 MEMBERS AND AFFIRMS THE
NECESSITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE TO BE REPRESENTED
BY SCIENTISTS. UNQUOTE.

5. WITH DEBATE CONCLUDED, COMMITTEE PROCEEDED TO THE VOTE
ON THE THREE RESOLUTIONS. BEFORE VOTE, PRC EXPLAINED
THAT IT UNDERSTOOD THE DESIRE OF SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED
COUNTRIES FOR THE ABOLITION OF NUCLEAR TESTING, BUT CHINA
COMPELLED TO CONDUCT NUCLEAR TESTS FOG ITS OWN DEFENSE.
PRC, THEREFORE, WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN VOTING FOR ANY
OF THREE RESOLUTIONS.

6. L. 294 ADOPTED BY 71 (USSR)-0-22(US,UK)? FRANCE
AND PRC DID NOT VOTE. L.295 ADOPTED BY 91(US)-0-7
(AFRICANS).

7. BEFORE VOTE ON L 296 US EXPLAINED THAT IT COULD NOT
SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION SINCE CHANGE IN
MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES OF UNSCEAR INAPPROPRAITE WITHOUT
CAREFUL STUDY BEFOREHAND. US BELIEVED PRECIPITATE
ACTION CHWNGING UNSCEAR MIGHT HARM RATHER THAN ENHANCE
EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COMMITTEE.

8. AT THIS POINT, FIJI THREW A ROCK INTO THE WRINGER
BY COMPLAINING THAT OP PARA 4 OF L 296 PROVIDED THAT
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COUNTRY'S REQUESTING UNSCEAR SERVICES WOULD HAVE TO
PAY FOR THIS ASSISTANCE. HE PROPOSED THAT WORDS "AT
THE LATTER'S EXPENSE" (E.G. THE EXPENSE OF REQUESTING
COUNTRY) BE DELETED. FIJI PROPOSAL NARROWLY DEFEATED
WITH 21 (US) FOR RETENTION OF ORIGINAL LANGUAGE, 18 FOR
DELETION OF ABOVE CLAUSE, AND 57 ABSTENTIONS. RESOLUTIONS
AS A WHOLE THEN ADOPTED BY VOTE OF 72-0-29(US,
USSR, UK, FRANCE)

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